REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are

respectfully requested. Claims 2-23, 25, 26 and 28-48 are currently pending. Claims 1,

24 and 27 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 25, 28 and 38 which were objected to as

being dependant upon a rejected base claim but contain allowable subject matter have

been rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and

any intervening claims.

Applicant has made a diligent and bona fide effort to answer each and every

ground for rejection or objection to the specification including the claims and to place

the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and further examination is

respectfully requested, and for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that

this application is in condition to be passed to issue and such action is earnestly solicited.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the extra claim fee

for one claim in excess of three. It is believed that no additional fees are presently due.

However, should that determination be incorrect, the undersigned hereby authorizes the

Patent Office officials to debit Deposit Account No. 50-0562 to satisfy any and all fees

which may be due. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, please contact

the undersigned at the below listed number.

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